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SUBJECT: ROKG RESPONSE ON KIM DONG-JO CONVEYED TO
JAWORSKI DEPUTY

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1. JAWORSKI DID NOT FIND IT FEASIBLE TO RETURN TO
WASHINGTON FROM HOUSTON FRIDAY JUNE 16 FOR MEETING PRO-
POSED BY AMBASSADOR KIM YONG-SHIK AND MEETING HAS NOW BEEN
SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, JUNE 19. IN INTERIM, MEETING WAS
HELD AT DEPUTIES LEVEL BETWEEN ROK EMBASSY POLITICAL
COUNSELORS PARK KUN-WOO AND KIM SUK-GYU, AND PETER WHITE.

2. EXCELLENT RAPPORT WAS ESTABLISHED AND AFTER PERIOD
OF PRIVATE CONVERSATION PARTICIPANTS REQUESTED KOREAN
AFFAIRS DIRECTOR RICH TO JOIN THE CONVERSATION. BASED
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ON COMBINATION OF THAT MEETING AND OUR SUBSEQUENT
SEPARATE DISCUSSIONS WITH WHITE AND PARK, IT IS CLEAR
THAT SOME MOMENTUM WAS DEVELOPED FOR REACHING AGREEMENT
ON AN ARRANGEMENT FOR OBTAINING INFORMATION FROM KIM
DONG-JO, BUT THAT CRITICAL DECISIONS ARE AHEAD FOR NEXT
WEEK.

3. WHITE FOUND THE ROKG RESPONSE (DESCRIBED REFTTEL) TO BE BOTH POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE. IN RETURN, WE UNDERSTAND HE PROVIDED ROK DIPLOMATS WITH SOME INFORMATION INDICATING THE PARAMETERS OF THE INFORMATION/ALLEGATIONS AVAILABLE TO THE ETHICS COMMITTEE AND THE NATURE OF QUESTIONS TO BE PUT TO KIM DONG-JO.

4. THE KOREAN POSITION WILL BE FORMALLY PRESENTED TO JAWORSKI ON MONDAY, AT WHICH TIME WE UNDERSTAND JAWORSKI WILL ALSO BE SEEKING SOME ASSURANCE THAT WORTHWHILE INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED IF HE DECIDES TO PROCEED ON THE PROPOSED SCENARIO. WHITE EMPHASIZES THAT JAWORSKI IS STILL SKEPTICAL, AND IF NO FIRM ASSURANCES OF SUBSTANCE ARE AVAILABLE HE MAY FEEL THE POLITICAL RISKS (OF ENDORSING A PROCEDURE WHICH CLEARLY DOES NOT MEET THE MINIMUM PROCEDURAL CRITERIA HE HAS PUBLICLY INSISTED UPON IN THE PAST) ARE TOO GREAT. IT WAS IN ORDER TO ELICIT SOME ROKG ASSESSMENT WHETHER REAL INFORMATION WILL BE SUPPLIED THAT WHITE PROVIDED SOME PARAMETERS IN PRIVATE PORTION OF TODAY'S SESSION WITH KOREAN DIPLOMATS.

5. COMMENT: NONE OF THE PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS PROPOSED BY ROKG APPEAR TO POSE ANY SIGNIFICANT DIFFICULTY TO AGREEMENT, AND IN FACT ARE SEEN BY WHITE AS ESSENTIALLY POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE. THE DECISION TO GO OR NOT GO NOW PROBABLY RESTS ON ASSESSMENTS BY EACH

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SIDE OF WHETHER ROKG CAN PROVIDE SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSES USEFUL TO THE COMMITTEE'S INVESTIGATION.

6. COUNSELOR PARK WILL ARRIVE IN SEOUL FOR CONSULTATION MONDAY AND WE RECOMMEND EMBASSY MAKE CONTACT WITH HIM DURING HIS STAY IN SEOUL AS HE WILL BE FOLLOWING EVOLUTION OF ROKG RESPONSE ON THIS SUBJECT VERY CLOSELY.

7. QUESTION OF SENATE PARTICIPATION IN THE PROJECTED SCENARIO WAS BRIEFLY DISCUSSED AT TODAY'S MEETING HERE. BOTH WHITE AND PARK ENVISAGE PARALLEL LETTER FROM CHAIRMAN STEVENSON WITH SENATE'S QUESTIONS DELIVERED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH HOUSE MESSAGE. THIS IS YET TO BE PROPOSED TO THE SENATE SIDE. NEWSOM

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